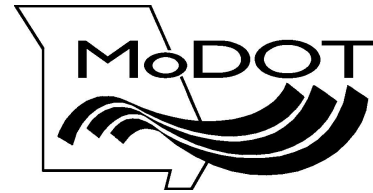


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Repairs to Begin on Missouri River Bridge at Glasgow – One-lane Traffic

MACON - The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) bridge crew will begin repairs to the Missouri River Bridge on Route 240 at Glasgow today. Recently a bridge inspection revealed a steel beam on the bridge needed to be replaced, and a 10-ton weight restriction was posted until the repairs could be made.

Today before noon the crew will reduce traffic on the bridge to one-lane to begin the repairs. The one-lane reduction will be in place until all repairs are made. Repairs are expected be completed by the end of March, and the weight restriction will be lifted.

To make the necessary repairs, the crew will cut and remove the steel beam. A new steel beam will be fabricated and then put in place by the crew. During the later part of the repairs it will be necessary to close the bridge to all traffic for a period of three to four days. MoDOT will keep the public informed and alert the media when the closing is scheduled.

“We want to do this as quickly as we can to get two-way traffic back on the bridge and the weight restriction lifted,” said Traffic Operations Engineer Travis Wombwell. “We appreciate everyone’s patience while these necessary repairs are being made, and will keep everyone informed on the progress the crews are making.”

Motorists are advised to use extreme caution while traveling through the work zone on the bridge.

For more information, contact the MoDOT District 2 Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636). The center is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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